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Dear Senator Jackson:

In response to your letter of July 8 which you and sixty-seven other Senators sent to President Carter concerning the Saudi Arabian request for F-15 accessory equipment, I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Secretary Muskie to Senator Byrd explaining the Administration's position on this subject.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Secretary Muskie's letter
to Senator Byrd.

cc: All Signatories.

The Honorable
Henry M. Jackson,
United States Senate.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1980

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

I am replying to your letter of June 23 to President Carter concerning supplemental equipment for Saudi Arabian F-15 aircraft.

I can assure you that the Administration has not departed from the assurances given to the Congress by Secretary Brown in 1978 and that your views and those of the Congress would be taken fully into account in reviewing Saudi Arabian requests for such equipment.

This is not a matter pending decision within the government and no decision on this issue would be made without full prior consultations with the Congress.

I hope this clarifies the situation so that there will be no misapprehensions as to the position of this Administration.

Sincerely,

Edmund S. Muskie

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd,
Majority Leader,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.